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SUBJ: MUGABE INTERVIEWED AT MOGADISCIO

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM INTERVIEW GIVEN MAY 11 BY ZANU
SECRETARY GENERAL AND PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER ROBERT MUGABE TO
SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY AND RADIO MOGADISCIO REPORTERS.

2. ASKED ABOUT US INVOLVEMENT IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT, MUGABE SAID "ACCORDING TO DR. OWEN, BRITAIN AIMS
AT GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO ZIMBABWE BY SEPTEMBER 1978. HE SAYS
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AT THE SAME TIME THAT IN ORDER FOR BRITAIN TO DECOLONIZE, SHE
MUST ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. WHY THAT SHOULD BE
NECESSARY WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND. WE SUSPECT THAT BRITAIN IS
TRYING TO INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE PROCESS OF
DECOLONIZATION DOES NOT GO THE FULL LENGTH IN CREATING A
GENUINE GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE, BUT RATHER A HALF MEASURE
WHICH CREATES A NEO-COLONIALIST REGIME WHICH CAN BE MANIPULATED

BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN".

3. ON GENEVA PEACE TALKS, MUGABE SAID PROSPECTS WERE GLOOMY "BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE IT BEING CONVENED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AS LONG AS BRITAIN INSISTED TO HAVE OTHER PARTIES IN THE CONFERENCE OTHER THAN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.... BRITAIN SHOULD FIRST SATISFY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT THAT SHE INTENDS TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND TO DEMOBILIZE THE FORCES OF IAN SMITH."

4. ASKED ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH GSDR OFFICIALS, MUGABE SAID PURPOSE HIS VISIT TO SOMALIA HAD BEEN TO OBTAIN GSDR'S HELP IN LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND "WE HAVE DONE SO WITH IMMENSE SUCCESS", ADDING THAT "I ALSO TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT WE ARE YOUNG REVOLUTIONARIES. WE ARE NOT BORN MARXISTS. WE BECAME MARXISTS, BECAUSE THE SITUATION WARRANTED THAT ONLY BY ADOPTING THE MARXIST PHILOSOPHY CAN WE REALLY BECOME EFFECTIVE. SO WE HAVE COME TO LEARN FROM OUR BROTHERS WHO HAVE ADOPTED SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM EARLIER THAN US".

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